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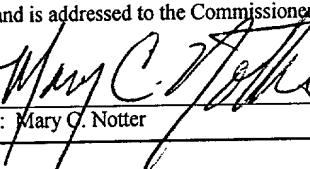
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please renumber pages 2 through page 16 of the specification as pages 1-15.

Please insert the following Title before the first line on renumbered page 1:

SEAMLESS DEFECT MANAGEMENT CONVERSION

On renumbered page 1, line 1, delete "However,".

Please insert the following Section Headings and paragraphs immediately after the Title and before the first line on renumbered page 1:

Related applications

This application claims priority of United States provisional application Serial Number 60/202,889, filed May 10, 2000.

Field of the Invention

This application relates generally to defect management and address translation in disc drives and more particularly to seamless defect management conversion for a disc drive.

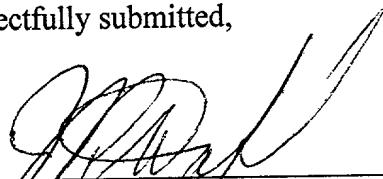
Background of the Invention

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is responsive to a Notice of Omitted Items in a Nonprovisional Application mailed July 10, 2001. The Notice indicated that page 1 of the specification was missing. The Title was included in the Declaration and on the application cover sheet in the original filing papers. The Section of the specification entitled Cross Reference to Related Applications that refers to the provisional application is added to refer to the provisional application referred to in the Declaration. The section entitled Field of the Invention and section title Background of the Invention have been added to clarify the subject matter on renumbered page 1. All of these changes are made to incorporate formality material inadvertently omitted from the originally filed specification and do not introduce new matter. Accordingly, no fee is believed to be required.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

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